

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT

Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America

PROGRAMS for EARLY SPRING 1998

FRIDAY PROGRAMS 8 PM DONATION \$ 3.00

- MAR 6 THE WISDOM OF FAITH: CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM
Video, from Huston Smith's "The World's Religions"
Smith explains that Christianity wouldn't have existed if its "spirit had not been real and dense ... palpable and evident to everyone around." For him the intimate relationship between the Jews and their God is "a living conversation between the human and the divine that goes on generation after generation."
- MAR 13 EAGLE MEDICINE THEN, ENERGY MEDICINE NOW
Margaret Dwyer, Ph.D.
Eagle medicine is the power of the Great Spirit, the ability to live in the realm of spirit, and yet remain connected and balanced within the realm of earth. Our traditional health care system is transforming rapidly to include the physics of medicine - which complements its chemistry and surgery. Ancients called it Eagle Medicine, then. We are calling it Energy Medicine now. Dr. Dwyer is president of the Energy Medicine Research Network, which offers seminars and services in the field of energy medicine and demonstrates how it can be incorporated into our basic health care plans.
- MAR 20 THE VISION QUEST EXPERIENCE
Russ McCubbin
The vision quest, experienced by both men and women, is the most individual and physically demanding of the seven Lakota rites. Russ explores its traditional significance and forms, and reflects on its meaning for seekers today. As a mixed-blood Lakota, Russ participates in ceremonies on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, and coordinates a local monthly teaching circle and Sweat Lodge.
- MAR 27 STANDING AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST
J. Douglas Hand
Legend has it that the secret of the crucifixion lies hidden in the mountains of southern France. A lawyer, author and a director of the TS in Detroit, Doug explores the background and esoteric significance of the mystery of the tomb of Christ.
- APR 3 WHAT BECOMES OF US WHEN WE DIE?
Richard Brooks, Ph.D.
Despite centuries of assurances, as well as claims from some recent research, most people remain uncertain about what happens to us when we die. And what we don't know, we tend to fear. Dr. Brooks explores some of the principal answers to the question in a effort to allay some of that fear. Just retired from teaching philosophy at Oakland U., Dick has a full schedule of writing and teaching for the TS worldwide.

SPECIAL SEMINAR Saturday, April 4, 1996

THEORIES ABOUT THE AFTERLIFE
Seminar with Richard Brooks, Ph.D.

This seminar will explore in greater detail some of the principal theories about what happens to us when we die - from China, India, Western religious traditions, psychical research and Theosophy. After we have considered these theories, perhaps we will agree with Walt Whitman when he wrote, "And to die is different from what anyone supposed ..."

TIMES: 10 AM-12 PM 2 PM-4 PM

Lunch on your own

Donation: \$15 (\$10 TS members)

Info and registration: (248)-879-1654

- APR 10 WALLACE STEVENS: SPIRITUAL POET FOR A SECULAR AGE
Ronald Leinweber
The poems of American poet Wallace Stevens show how, in our secular culture, life has become dehumanized, diminished and "poor" - deprived of imagination and vitality. Stevens' work shows his intense quest for a "fresh spirituality" in everyday life. Ron taught literature in high school and college for 30 years, is a past director of the TS in Detroit and frequently leads our members' study.
- APR 17 POWER, CONFLICT AND LOVE
Ted Braude
It's everywhere, but it's not usually talked about: what is power, who has power, how is it used, the wherefores, why's and hidden potentials of conflict, and what it's all got to do with love. His presentation is unique, charts new territory, and will make clear qualities of life that never made sense before. Ted's a therapist in health psychology and behavioral medicine.

APR 24 THE WISDOM OF FAITH: CONFUCIANISM

Video

Historian Huston Smith talks with Bill Moyers about his experiences with the world's great religions. Born in China of missionary parents. Smith experienced the Chinese language, culture and religion while growing up near Shanghai. He explains how the blending of opposites is a key to understanding the great religions of China - Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, and how Eastern religions emphasize direct experience.

Three **WEDNESDAYS**, March 11, 18, 25

DREAMWORKING TOWARDS ENLIGHTENMENT

David R. Gendernalik, M.D.

This three-week series gives practical instruction and exercises for using dreams to discover and follow your own path. David is a psychiatrist whose work is influenced by Jungian psychology, Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, The Fourth Way and Gnostic studies.

Recommended reading: Gail Delaney, *LIVING YOUR DREAM* (Harper Collins, 1996)
Swami Sivananda Radha, *REALITIES OF THE DREAMING MIND* (Shambhalla, 1996)

TIMES: 7:30 - 9 PM

Donation: \$15 (no fee for TS in Detroit members)

Registration: 248-641-8717

Prior registration needed so you can prepare for the first class.

Please leave your name, address and phone - speak slowly and spell your name.

Four **WEDNESDAYS**, April 1-22

MEDITATION, PATH OF THE HEART

Maria Parisen, MSN, RN

Meditation helps you to discover and develop insight, peace and love. This course explores how and why meditation is important in religious practice and in healing. We will practice simple, effective meditation forms, including centering prayer, visualization, mantra and insight techniques. Maria is a rehabilitation nurse. She has taught classes in meditation and the spiritual path for several years and compiled the Quest anthology, *ANGELS AND MORTALS*.

TIMES: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Donation: \$20 (no fee for TS in Detroit members)

Registration: (248) 879-1654

TUESDAY MEMBERS' STUDY 8 - 9:30 PM

For all members of The Theosophical Society

A WAY TO SELF-DISCOVERY (Text by Dr. I.K. Taimni)

MAR 3	Self-Discovery - The World Waiting for Us	APR 7	Preparation for Yoga
MAR 10	Stages of Knowledge, Wisdom and Realization	APR 14	The Eight Sub-Divisions of Yogic Technique
MAR 17	The Nature of Devotion	APR 21	Self-Realization and the Quest for Happiness
MAR 24	Developing Devotion	APR 28	The Question of Guidance
MAR 31	Samadhi – The Essential Technique of Yoga		